FOG-SIGNAL VESSEL AT SAN FRANCISCO BAR, CALIFORNIA.

January 30, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Corliss, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8111.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8111) entitled "A bill for establishing a fog-signal vessel at San Francisco Bar, California," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass, with an amendment:

The correspondence from the Treasury Department herewith submitted shows that this legislation is important.

The committee recommend the following amendments:

Strike out all of lines 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and including the word "power" in line 9, and insert the following words: "That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish a light vessel with a powerful fog signal."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Washington, April 20, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your committee, dated April 15, 1896, inclosing a copy of H. R. bill No. 8111 for establishing a fog-signal vessel at San Francisco Bar, California, and asking suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply, I beg leave to say that this bill, upon receipt, was referred to the Light-

House Board for examination and report.

The Board replies that a light vessel with a powerful fog signal would be a valuable aid to navigation at this point.

Respectfully, yours,

S. Wike, Acting Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE, House of Representatives.